

## KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Kansas has expended for public schools \$95,357,999, during the last fifteen years.

Henry Oliver, a Norton county man, has held the position of justice of the peace continuously since 1874.

Casper Strohminger of Cawker City, was found dead in his bed. He had shot himself. He was demented.

Contracts for the new insane asylum at Parsons will be let in April. The plans are completed and approved.

Benj. Daniels, just confirmed as U. S. Marshal of Arizona, used to live in Ottawa where he has relatives.

The matter of getting a Kansas man appointed commissioner of pensions is again being opened up in Washington.

An excellent program has been prepared for the 15th annual meeting of the State Dairy association at Manhattan on March 4 to 8.

Frank Ray, who was held in jail at Kingsley, charged with holding up the operator at the Offerle station, broke jail and disappeared.

Martin Kelly of St. Marys, marketed 31 Aberdeen-Angus and Galloway steers of his own raising, at \$9 35. They averaged 1,441 pounds.

Senator Burton has been honored by being called to preside over the senate. The honor consists of this having occurred so early in his first term.

Farmers about Independence have been hauling water in their threshing outfit water tanks, from the city hydrants, paying the water company.

J. W. Glead, of Kansas, was the first speaker at the Lincoln Day banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. He was followed by Senator Chauncey Depew.

A single man has bought a farm near Fairview, Brown county, paying \$17,000 for it. All the girls about Fairview are naturally taking much interest in him.

Dr. E. R. Switzer, of Salina, is credited with being the first man in Kansas to have an alfalfa field. In 1874 he put in two acres. He obtained the seed in San Francisco.

The Merchants' Athletic association of Lawrence, gave a banquet in honor of General Wilder S. Metcalf when he returned from Washington with his commission as pension agent.

An opinion has been given by the attorney general that township officers may use money collected for general purposes for work on highways including the building of bridges.

The free delivery service will be established at Wellington, Kas., June 1, which was discontinued in 1895, with three regular and one substitute letter carrier, and seven street letter boxes.

The Grain Growers' association meeting will be held at Hutchinson on March 4. A rate of one and one-third fare has been granted from all points in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Judge Charley Lobdell's first case after getting on the bench by appointment, was a breach-of-promise suit, which is arousing interest on account of the sentimental developments involving a lawyer at Larned.

Kansas has a good supply of gumbo. In the East gumbo is used for a covering for country roads, and the roads are free from dust and slow to get out of repair. When burnt gumbo is used the country roads are like paved streets.

The Grain Dealers' association of Kansas will meet at the Topeka city building auditorium on March 18 and 19.

A Missouri Pacific train was saved by two little girls near Overbrook. A bridge had burned and the girls signaled the train. Their names are Ida and Sadie Workman.

General Metcalf will spend some of February in Topeka to learn about his duties and will take charge of the pension office on March 1. This comes from his home at Lawrence.

Work has commenced in Sumner county on a contract for burning 8,000 car loads of gumbo ballast for the Rock Island tracks.

Colonel and Mrs. J. H. Lipton, of Downs, celebrated their golden wedding on Lincoln Day. Col. Lipton is a cousin of Sir Thomas Lipton, the Scotch yacht racer.

The state society of miners, in session at Topeka, elected D. B. Cassleman, of Midway, over Edward Keegan, of Pittsburg, as state mine inspector by a vote of 79 to 61.

The Kansas Lincoln day club celebrated in representative hall in the state house in Topeka.

Many complaints are coming into the office of the Attorney General regarding the shipment of liquor into the state on the C. O. D. plan by railroad and express companies. Attorney General Godard took this question up with the companies some time ago and their officers promised that the practice would be stopped but it is still practiced. Mr. Godard will take steps to compel its cessation at once.

A racket store at Cherryvale has burned. Loss, \$3,300.

The Cowley county district court has 239 cases on its docket.

More finely furnished saloons are being opened in Topeka.

An eight foot salt vein has been found north of Concordia.

At Wakefield the construction of a \$10,000 flour mill is commenced.

The enrollment at Kansas University reached 1,203 early in February.

Anthony is to have a cheese factory in connection with its skimming station.

Examinations for county school diplomas will be given on March 29 and April 13.

The snow of the night of the 13th-14th covered Kansas, and was worth big dollars.

The Kansas Livestock company of Olathe has incorporated to raise and handle livestock.

Prof. T. W. Conway of Sterling, is a candidate for the presidency of the Alva, Ok., normal school.

The Bell telephone central office at Junction City, with a barber shop under it, have been gutted by fire.

John V. Farwell, a Chicago wholesale merchant, visited Ottawa to assist in conducting the revival there.

Lient, Adna G. Clarke has reported for duty. He is assigned to the field artillery at Fort Douglass, Utah.

Sam. Mitchell, a Caldwell real estate man, thought he was drinking whiskey but it was chloroform and ether.

The postoffice appropriation bill provides for the continuance of the fast mail service from Kansas City to Newton.

The city of Topeka has confessed judgment for \$209 for damage done to a joint during the first raid by Mrs. Nation.

The Rock Island is to increase its yard tracks in Wichita considerably and will put in a new steel turn table 52 feet long.

Rumors are afloat all along the line that the Frisco will build a new line from Wichita to Blackwell, Okla., and from there to Sapulpa, I. T.

A new fast mail train is proposed to be put on the Union Pacific, through Kansas, from Kansas City to Denver. The train is scheduled to make the trip in 13 hours and 20 minutes.

The State railroad commissioners have decided to cut out their six weeks on railroad trains this year. Having seen all the roads they decided that the regular annual inspection tour is unnecessary this year.

The State Railroad Commission has been notified that the next legislature will be asked to pay per diem and mileage to the witnesses subpoenaed in the live stock rate investigation during Governor Leedy's term.

A brick addition is contracted for, for a Wellington mill, 44 by 96 feet in size, three stories high and a basement. It will add 500 barrels to the capacity of the mill, making it 800 barrels a day. The present power plant is sufficient for the enlarged mill.

Cresswell Vincent Groat was the first child born on the townsite of Cresswell, now Arkansas City. He was born Oct. 5, 1870. He is now dealing in flour at his present home in Lewistown, Ill., and buys Arkansas City flour as a matter of sentiment.

James Servis, one of the pioneer conductors of the Santa Fe system, was found dead in his bed at Ottawa. He lived in Wichita for nearly 30 years and two of his children still live there. He knew everybody and was popular in all circles. He was about 64 years old.

Wellsville, Franklin county, has granted a natural gas franchise on the condition that the grantee furnish the city with gas within two years.

A Rice county farmer who has been to Ohio says that Kansas farmers can put their wheat in the stack for less than the Ohio farmers have to pay for fertilizers.

After the roping contest at Wichita C. A. Rice was gored through his neck by an angry steer. The spinal column was not touched but the horn entered his windpipe.

One Topeka commission house receives a carload of poultry every day except Sunday from Santa Fe town between Topeka and Newton.

Frank White, a Fort Scott grocer, went deliberately before a train and allowed the train to run over him. He had been unbalanced in mind for several days.

H. Burton, who was given a second trial under decision of the supreme court, has been the second time convicted of murder in the Marion county district court.

The supreme court upholds that part of the Hurrell law which makes the possession of liquors prima facie evidence of the crime of selling it.

Another flowing gas well at Mound City has been struck at a depth of 146 feet. It is stronger than one before in use.

The farmers of Leavenworth county are now feeding grain to the quails on their farms. The recent heavy snow prevents quail from skimming up a living and the farmers are giving them assistance.

# At Swords' Points; OR, A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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## CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"A woman brushed against you and placed a note in your hand. Do you remember what that note contained?" She turned scarlet.

"It was utterly unintelligible to me."

"Yet you saw a name?"

"Yes."

"It was mine?"

"It was yours, mynheer."

"She said she had forged it with the distinct purpose of implicating me also."

"Indeed," with some incredulity.

"What did you do with the note, frauken?"

"I threw it away."

"You did not tear it up?"

"No; merely crumpled it and threw it aside."

"Well, it had hardly touched the ground before it fell into the hands of a secret officer of the government, who was watching the countess, just as she knew would happen."

"Still I do not comprehend."

"That paper was of vital importance. It pretended to give in detail the prospective army which the Kaiser could bring to Alsace-Lorraine, besides several other things of moment."

"You alarm me!"

"For which I shall never forgive myself, but it is vitally necessary that you should know the truth, no matter at what cost. I am sacrificing myself more than you may ever realize in order to spare you. This paper seems to place both of us in connection with the French spy whom the German authorities watch. Plainly, we are as guilty as she."

"But, mynheer, the motive? Wherein have I offended her?"

"Frauhen, the fault is mine. While in Paris I was unfortunate enough to arouse a spark of sentiment in her heart, and I cannot imagine any one more wretched in consequence."

"But surely I—that is, what have I done?"

Even as she spoke, a suspicion, a sudden flash of intelligence, came into her mind, and though it was but a mere floating fancy, it caused her to turn furiously red.

## CHAPTER XII.

Trifles Light as Air.

Paul did not see this agitation. Paul, whose eyes were bent upon the floor in his own confusion, for he was passing through a serious and embarrassing situation, and could not look Hildegarde in the face while telling her of the plot the countess had conceived of bringing both Hildegarde and himself under the suspicion of the military authorities.

She looked at him as he stood there with his head bowed before her, and perhaps there was something more than mere pity in her eyes.

"She must be a remarkable woman."

"Her equal does not exist in the present age. It is marvelous the power she has over men, not merely brainless fops, but the shrewd statesmen of today."

"Perhaps Blamarck fears her."

"I have no doubt he will be glad of a chance to place her behind strong walls, but I doubt his ability to accomplish such a thing. And how can I thank you for your kind assurance of continued friendship, even while the surrounding conditions are so gloomy?"

"Pray, do not try," she said, to hide her confusion.

It was joy to know that he had spoken in a frank way—that he seemed very anxious to take all the blame, and in so doing made himself appear more manly in her eyes.

Besides the possibility of the handsome American being in love with her gave Hildegarde positive joy.

Then from Paradise she dropped back to earth.

"Which way must I go to find No. 79 in this same strasse?" asked Paul.

He wondered why Hildegarde regarded him with so cold a look, but she answered his question. But it chanced that Hildegarde had that very morning seen a lady entering No. 79, of the strasse, and recognized the pretty woman to whom Rhineland had seemed so devoted at the concert garden.

Paul's interview with his sister was protracted.

He accomplished all he intended.

Beatrice had a thousand questions to ask, so it seemed, but when she finished there was nothing in connection with the sorrowful event of the dead past left untold.

She wept bitter tears upon Paul's shoulder, and it was his comforting embrace that assured her the world was not all hollow, even though she had learned this terrible truth about the mother in whom she had up to this time believed.

It was after Paul had left the house that he remembered one thing—he had failed to tell her the name of the man whose action had brought such disgrace and ignominy upon their family.

She would not know, unless he sent word, that the one she believed to be her cousin, Conrad Hoffman, was the son of that same man.

The thought made his blood boil—he feared lest in some way this scion of an infamous traitor should in his turn bring additional sorrow upon the house of Rhineland.

Somehow the memory of Karl comforted him—the leader of the Rhine Corps was already an object of deepest interest to Beatrice, and in that growing love Paul believed he could see the strongest possible fortification against all harm.

He remembered his promise to Hildegarde, and was desirous of keeping it without delay. The school must be given up—other duties seemed to call him to fields of more activity.

So Paul began to prepare to leave Heidelberg by the night express, the Dutch cannon ball train of the period, that would land him in the German capital in a phenomenally short time.

That the influence of the schemer Countess Almee would follow him to Berlin, he never once thought, believing he would leave her far behind.

That was because he did not know the wily woman and her astonishing powers as well as he should have done in order to defeat her clever plans.

Paul had been well watched.

The government spy hovered near, and there was besides another who worked in the interest of the countess—great times these two honest worthies had in dodging each other while keeping an eye on the main chance, as embodied in the American.

Paul ignored them as much as possible—he had quite enough to think about in the premises.

Should they give him too much trouble later on perhaps he would take a turn out of them in a fashion peculiar to the wild and woolly West, and after a way, to weaken their enthusiasm.

Karl was not surprised when he heard what a sudden alteration Paul was making in his plans, for Karl was of a phlegmatic temperament and disposed to take the most extraordinary things as he found them.

"One favor, comrade," he said while shaking hands at the train later in the night.

"Granted before you speak," replied Paul.

"Speak a good word for me when you apply for a commission. God knows I would like to be at your side if the war comes, and it grows closer and nearer along the Rhine every day."

"It shall be zwei," was what Paul called back as the express quitted the platform.

When young Rhineland shook the sacred dust of Heidelberg, with all its pleasant student recollections, from his feet, and started in the direction of the capital, he took it for granted that he would be closely watched, since at the time he was an object of solicitude to several parties.

He little guessed, however, to what ends some of these spies might go in order to prevent him from carrying out his designs.

To the countess it was a matter of considerable moment whether or not he reached Berlin with the design of seeking an audience with those high in authority.

And she would go to considerable trouble in order to prevent this same thing, being a woman of remarkable will power.

Through the night the Berlin train panted, and Paul, having made himself as comfortable as the conditions would allow, endeavored to sleep.

But he found sleep would not come, so he reviewed what had passed during his interview with Hildegarde.

How plainly it all came before him—he could easily shut his eyes and see her again as she stood there blushing in confusion.

He loved to dwell upon this scene. Somehow, there were features connected with it that told him he could not be an object of indifference in her eyes.

Then, again, when he remembered the blot that rested upon his family name he groaned in secret.

Could she, would she forgive—these high-class German families, as he well knew, were very punctilious about such things, and in many cases the breath of scandal had severed arrangements for a wedding.

So Paul was miserable, at times letting his mind dwell upon a picture painted by fancy in her lightest mood, and then dashing over the bright scene a pall of mingled doubt and despair.

All this while the train was booming on, crossing broad plains, rattling over bridges, and stopping occasionally at towns en route.

Paul, finding it utterly impossible for him to sleep, began to amuse himself by observing his fellow-passengers.

This is always an interesting study for any one fairly fond of reading human nature, for nowhere may more pronounced types be found than in a second-class Continental railway carriage.

There were several persons in the compartment with him.

One was a merchant traveling to Berlin, a second seemed to be an old officer, grizzled with years in the service of his king, while the third Paul found himself much in doubt about, though finally reaching the conclusion that he was possibly the son of some rich man journeying to Berlin to offer his services to the Crown, his term in the army having expired.

All of which was pure speculation.

Later on Paul discovered, somewhat to his surprise, and not at all to his liking, that he was an object of considerable curiosity to the trio.

Finally this aroused Paul's curiosity, and he began to suspect that his fellow-travelers might be other than the innocents they appeared upon the surface.

Perhaps one of them was a government agent, bound at all hazards to keep him under surveillance, since it was believed in official circles that the American had entered into a conspiracy against the authorities.

Which one this might be gave him some amusement for a while, though he finally decided it must be the veteran soldier.

And the others—could they be parties in the secret pay of the countess? Such a thing was possible, of course, though hardly probable; but Paul was in just the mood to give his fancy full rein, and he allowed it to go at that.

Although it raised quite a question, and rendered his situation serious enough, with three enemies shut up in the car with him.

He had not been able to sleep before and now he had not the least desire to do so—in fact, he never felt more wide awake in all his life.

Supposing this random guess of his hit the mark, did these men have any intention of doing him bodily injury? If they were in the employ of the countess it was not to be presumed that they would seek his life, though his personal liberty might be in danger.

Anything to keep him from seeking an interview with the German military authorities at Berlin, to whom he might be tempted to unbosom himself.

Paul laughed softly to himself when he found to what a serious point his thoughts were carrying him.

Nevertheless, it was characteristic of him to take all possible precautions.

And even while he thus chuckled in derision at his alarming suspicions, his hand unconsciously strayed to the pocket where he kept a small but serviceable repeater, as if to make sure that this faithful friend was within reach.

To the ordinary mind there is considerable satisfaction in the prospect of being able to meet even a desperate emergency, and the fact of his being armed made Paul reckless of consequences, even though the others were three to one.

Since sleep refused to come, and his limbs grew cramped, crouched as he was in a corner of the compartment, Paul decided to get out at the next station and have a little saunter up and down.

No sooner did he make a move than his fellow tourists also aroused themselves.

The old soldier yawned, the merchant threw aside the traveling rug which the cool night air had caused him to pull around his body, while the third traveler stretched his arms and proceeded to once more smoke his big pipe.

Paul could not but notice this fact.

It caused him to fully decide with reference to a stroll at the next station.

At the same time he meant to keep close to the train so as to give them no opportunity for foul work of any sort.

Sure enough, when the guard opened the door of the compartment, stating that they had had about five minutes at the station, the whole of them trooped out after Paul.

This convinced him more than ever that his surmise could hardly have been such a wild one after all.

And who could say that ere Berlin was reached he might not be glad he was armed?

(To be continued.)

## A LOAF CENTURIES OLD.

It Was Found in a Cave Dwelling in Arizona and Is Now in a Museum.

A notable recent contribution to the archaeological museum of the University of Arizona is a loaf of bread found in a cave-dwelling in the Superstition Mountain of central Arizona in 1879, and since that time in the possession of Herbert Brown, superintendent of the territorial prison.

The loaf is undeniably bread, and without a doubt is of great age. It was found embedded in the ashes wherein it was baked probably hundreds or perhaps thousands of years ago. It had very plainly been wrapped in a cloth or mat, and the marks of the fiber of the cloth are visible in the dark, brick-like mass. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that the bread was made of mesquite beans, roughly ground in metates by the aboriginal housewives of centuries ago.

With it was found a store of ancient sacrificial implements, stone axes and arrow heads. The loaf has been sterilized by the curator of the museum, and has been sealed within a glass jar.

## The Chaplain's Self-Control.

Winston Churchill tells an excellent story of a chaplain who quarreled with the captain of a ship on the way to South Africa because the captain refused to let him hold services in the saloon. The captain regarded himself as the priest of his own ship. Mr. Churchill found the chaplain tramping the deck in anger. "And what did you say to him?" asked Mr. Churchill, sympathetically, when he had heard the story. "Oh, I said nothing at all," answered the chaplain, with a splendid show of self-command, "but I may tell you that any other clergyman in the Church of England would have told him to go to h—!"

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